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In re Patent Application of:)
Yoshihiro SAEKI) Group Art Unit: 2826
Serial No. 10/766,944) Examiner: Alexander O. Williams
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP AND) Date: August 30, 2005
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, Applicant provides the following election:

The Office Action required election from among any one of the species of Figures 1-18. Applicant hereby elects the species of a semiconductor chip structure and semiconductor device structure as shown in Figures 1-3 for prosecution in this application. Claims 1-4, 13-16, 26 and 27 are believed readable on the species shown in these figures.

Because the election requirement does not explain which species the Examiner considers patentably distinct with respect to Figures 1-18, and Applicant must elect a single disclosed species for prosecution, this election is provisionally being made from among the following groups:

Group I: Figures 1-3, claims 1-4, 13-16, 26 and 27 readable thereon;

Group II: Figures 4-8, claims 1-5, 13-17, 26 and 27 readable thereon;

Group III: Figures 9-11, claims 6, 7, 18 and 20 readable thereon;

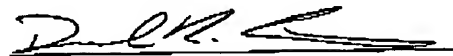
Group IV: Figures 12-14, claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 13-15, 18-21 readable thereon; and

Group V: Figures 15-18, claims 1, 2, 6-15, 18 and 22-25 readable thereon.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to confirm whether the above grouping is in accordance with his intended basis for the restriction. It is believed that claims 1, 2 and 13-15 are generic to the species of Groups I, II, IV and V.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,


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